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SUBJECT: SWAZILAND AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANC

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1. A SENIOR EXPATRATE OFFICIAL OF THE ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE HAS INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT SWAZI INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANC HAS INCREASED. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, MARTIN MDINISO, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO KING SOBHUZA, AND TIMOTHY MTHETHWA, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, VISITED MAPUTO IN LATE JUNE TO SEE OLIVER TEMBO, LEADER OF THE ANC. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO EXPLAIN SWAZILAND'S POLICE ACTIVITY AGAINST ANC MILITANTS OPERATING IN SWAZILAND (REFTELS A AND B) AND TO DISCUSS ANC ACTIVITIES IN SWAZILAND.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT ANC ORGANIZERS ARE OPERATING ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND, AND AT OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN SWAZILAND. FURTHER, ANC MEMBERS ARE NOW CROSSING INTO SWAZILAND FROM MOZAMBIQUE WITH NO HINDRANCE FROM THE ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE.

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3. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF ITS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION AND DEPENDENCE ON THE RAIL LINE TO MAPUTO, SWAZILAND MUST CAREFULLY PROTECT ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GPRM. EARLIER THE MONTH, THE GOS DONATED 1000 BAGS OF CORN MEAL TO MOZAMBIQUE AS PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS'S AID TO THAT COUNTRY, AND PM MAPHEVU VISITED SAMORA MACHEL LAST WEEK. GIVEN ITS IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE GPRM, THERE ARE OBVIOUS REASONS TO SUSPECT THAT SWAZILAND WILL MODIFY ITS PREVIOUS HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT.
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